

Amendment to the Specification:

On page 1, second paragraph, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The applicants' copending US ~~Application No. 10/838/186~~ 10/939,186 describes a technique for copy protecting an optical disc carrying content and control data in a data area. Thus, in this proposal, content is arranged on the optical disc in one or more content files and control data provides access to the content. At least one region which contains unreadable or subversive data is provided within the data area, and access to the or each said region is prevented during normal playback of the content on the disc.